

# SR 24 – SR 241 to Cold Creek Road Add Passing Lanes



### **Project Purpose**

This project will construct eastbound and westbound passing lanes to reduce collisions.

#### **Project Benefits**

- Improve safety
- Reduce accidents
- Improve traffic efficiency

#### **Estimated Total Project Cost**

Total: \$4.3 million

(Includes engineering, right of way, and construction costs)

#### **Project Timeline**

Start Design: Spring 2006 Start Construction: Spring 2008

#### Why is WSDOT improving this highway?

In the past six years, two people died and three were disabled in serious accidents on this section of SR 24. This route is heavily used by commuters to the Hanford Site. Every year, trucks haul more than three million tons of freight on this highway. As heavy trucks slow to climb the steep hills, impatient travelers don't always wait for safe driving conditions, with sometimes deadly consequences. Adding the passing lanes will improve safety, reduce the risk of collisions, and increase efficiency on this highway.

## MAKING EVERY DOLLAR COUNT.

This project is funded in part by the 2005 Transportation Partnership Funding Package. The main source of funding is a 9.5¢ increase in the gas tax, phased in over four years. The package also includes a new vehicle weight fee and increases in other license fees and charges.

#### For additional information

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